

September 29, 2003  
Recessed Meeting w/Board of Education

Minutes

Members Present:

Brent Hunter- Vice-Chairman  
Roger Evans - Commissioner  
Johnny Myers- Commissioner  
D.C. Swaim- Commissioner

Members Absent:

Lloyd Davis-Chairman

Others Present:

Cecil E. Wood, County Manager/Clerk to the Board  
Melinda Vestal, Assistant Clerk to the Board  
Sara McCall  
Chris Sardler  
Ricky McCollum  
Bill Wooten  
Randy Baker, Architect

Board of Education

Members Absent

Dr. Barbara Todd, Superintendent  
George Webb, Assistant Superintendent  
Karin Mendenhall, Chair  
Linda Williams  
Frank Brown  
Howard McKnight  
Buck Baity  
Angela Parks

Hazel Brown

**Minutes**

Vice Chairman Hunter called the recessed meeting back to order. Chairman Mendenhall called the Board of Education meeting to order. Commissioner Swaim had the invocation.

Mr. Wood thanked everyone for coming, reviewed the agenda and introduced Jim Varner with Construction Control Management Firm.

Mr. Varner introduced Mike Garner and Lee McClure.

Mr. Garner presented a power point presentation on what their management program could do for Yadkin County and how they could control costs for the county.

Mr. McClure discussed budgeting, value analysis, single prime and multi prime procurement, quality control and managing construction.

Chairman Mendenhall inquired of the costs for a management service.

Mr. McClure stated approximately 3%-6% of the project cost.

### **School Enrollments**

Chairman Mendenhall gave a report on current enrollment; 5894 for 02/03 and 6029 for 03/04. She also gave ethnic numbers: 82.9% are white, 12.17% Hispanic and 4.03% black. There are 51% of male students and 49% female students.

### **QZAB**

Chairman Mendenhall reviewed the QZABS which were awarded based on reduced and free lunches to East Bend, Yadkinville and Starmount. She informed the Board of the renovations being made to these schools.

### **Accomplishments**

Chairman Mendenhall invited everyone to the Celebration of Success, Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Forbush High School from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. The celebration is to congratulate students, teachers and administrators for achieving high or expected growth.

Chairman Mendenhall reported on the No Child Left Behind Program.

Commissioner Evans inquired about an 8<sup>th</sup> grader having to choose a career path and knowing at this age what they want to do?

Dr. Todd stated this is to guide those children who plan to attend college and it also allows a student to receive training in a field which may help them decide on a career. This is a graduation requirement from the State which is designed to help students make choice at the high school level that interest and benefits them.

### **Building Needs**

Chairman Mendenhall informed the Board that the system currently has twenty-nine mobile classrooms. They are proposing to build two middle schools adjacent to the high schools and renovate Forbush High School. The proposed cost to build two middle schools is \$17.2 million. The School Board proposed to increase the amount to \$20 million which would renovate

Forbush High School to the same extent as Starmount's renovations and provide furnishings to the new schools.

The Boards discussed three options: leaving the schools as is and adding more trailers, a bond vote or the county borrowing the money.

Commissioner Myers commented that the public are the ones which need to be better informed. The information needs to be supplied to them as it is being presented to the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Brown asked the Board of Commissioners if they want new schools? This has to be a joint effort between the Boards.

Donald Hawks gave an overview of the limited space at each school.

The Boards agreed that the public needs to be better informed of the schools' needs.

The Board of Education expressed concern over being able to get correct information to the public. Suggestions, made by various Board members, used during the previous bond referendum were not successful.

### **Adjournment**

\*Angela Parks made the motion to adjourn the Board of Education meeting. Frank Brown seconded. Vote was unanimous.

\*Commissioner Myers made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Swaim seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Cecil E. Wood, County Manager/Clerk to the Board